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1978: STAGE SETTER

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1. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE BEGINNING TO PEEL OFF
FROM CHRISTIANSBORG IN COPENHAGEN TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE AT THE
SITE OF THE INFORMAL EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. WHEN DECIDING
ON A LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING THE DANES WERE IN SOMETHING OF A
QUANDRY. DENMARK HAS ITS SHARE OF CASTLES AND SEVERAL OF THESE
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WERE CONSIDERED. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO TOYED WITH THE IDEA
OF HOLDING THE INFORMAL MEETING ON A SHIP CRUISING IN THE ORESUND.
IN THE END, THE DANES' PREFERENCE FOR PRACTICALITY AND CONVENIENCE
LED THEM TO DECIDE ON WHAT TEMPLE FIELDING HAS DESCRIBED AS "PER-
HAPS THE BEST HOSTELERY" IN DENMARK: THE CHARMING HESSELET HOTEL
ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE SMALL CITY OF NYBORG ON THE EAST COAST
OF FYN.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS PLUS ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THEIR DELEGATIONS AND COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS WILL BE HOUSED AT THE HESSELET ITSELF, AS WILL SOME MEMBERS OF THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SUPPORT STAFF. STRAP HANGERS WILL BE BILLETED IN NEARBY HOTELS IN THIS RESORT AREA. WE WERE TOLD THIS MORNING THAT THE LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOT ATTEND BECAUSE OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE GRAND DUKE AND DUTCHESS IN LUXEMBOURG. AS USUAL, THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AROUND 1200, SATURDAY MAY 20 AND WILL CONCLUDE AFTER LUNCH ON SUNDAY MAY 21.

3. DANISH PRESIDENCY OFFICER CHRISTOPHER BRAMSEN TOLD US THIS MORNING THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MAY DECIDE THAT DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN, IN HIS PRESIDENCY ROLE, SHOULD MEET WITH THE PRESS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HESSELET MEETING. IF THIS OCCURRED, BRAMSEN SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT ANDERSEN'S MANDATE WOULD BE LIMITED TO A STATEMENT OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED. BRAMSEN SAID THAT SUCH A PRESS MEETING WOULD BE DESIGNED TO BLUNT THE DISPARATE AND OFTEN CONFLICTING PRESS ACCOUNTS GIVEN BY INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN MINISTERS AFTER SUCH MEETINGS.

4. ALTHOUGH BRAMSEN NOTED THAT THERE IS NO FORMAL AGENDA FOR SUCH MEETINGS, THE DANES EXPECT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

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- THE EC RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY (REF A). IN ANSWER TO OUR SPECIFIC QUESTION BRAMSEN SAID THAT CYPRUS AS SUCH WAS NOT ON THE "DANISH LIST" BUT THAT IT COULD WELL COME UP AND WOULD NATURALLY FIT IN WITH THE DISCUSSION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE NINE WITH TURKEY. FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP IS PARTICULARLY TIMELY SINCE TURKISH PREMIER ECEVIT WILL MEET WITH JENKINS AND COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 25.
- EC POSITION ON PRESSURES ON SOUTH AFRICA (REF B).
- LOME II AND WHAT, IF ANY, HUMAN RIGHTS LANGUAGE SHOULD BE BUILT IN.
- THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EC MINISTERS AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. BRAMSEN COMMENTED THAT DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN BELIEVES THAT THE STATURE OF THE PARLIAMENT CAN BE ENHANCED IF MINISTERS ARE MORE CANDID AND CONSCIENTIOUS IN THEIR ATTITUDE AND DIALOGUE WITH THE PARLIAMENT.
- COMMISSION'S FIRST DRAFT ("FRESCO") ON ENLARGEMENT (REF C).
- THE EC-ASEAN RELATIONSHIP. BRAMSEN NOTED THAT THIS WAS A GERMAN INITIATIVE.

6. ALTHOUGH BRAMSEN DID NOT MENTION THE SUBJECT, WE ASSUME THAT ZAIRE WILL COME UP AS WELL AS SOME DISCUSSION, PROBABLY BILATERAL, OF THE LATEST FRANCO-DANISH SPAT (REF D) OVER ANDERSEN'S CRITICISMS OF FRENCH INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE.

7. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED A READOUT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY EARLY
NEXT WEEK BUT THIS FACT SHOULD BE PROTECTED SINCE WE UNDERSTAND
THAT SUCH A BRIEFING IS NOT USUAL. DEAN

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